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DSA threatens Sanctuary closure

By Diana Loveless

The Sanctuary will be closed within the next two weeks if it is not kept clean, said the Doon Student Association's entertainment manager.

In an interview Sept. 27, Gavin FitzPatrick said if the situation does not improve, the DSA will be forced to close the student lounge.

Notices to that effect began appearing on Sanctuary walls Sept. 17.

"We would probably start out by closing it for a day . . . obviously we're going to have to assess it as we go," said FitzPatrick.

"Ideally, we'll close it once for a day and everyone will say 'we're going to keep the lounge clean,'" he said.

This is not the first year the DSA has had problems with students leaving garbage behind in the lounge.

FitzPatrick said it has been an ongoing problem. Although the lounge was not actually closed last year, the DSA posted signs threatening closure.

The situation did improve slightly after signs were posted, he said.

In 1995, the old student lounge, which was located on the second floor inside Door 3, was closed for

a week due to messiness and vandalism.

"There's just a general lack of respect for the whole room," FitzPatrick said. "I don't think people realize it's theirs. I don't think people realize how much they've paid for it."

One alternative to closing the Sanctuary would be to hire somebody to pick up after students, he said.

He said this option would only be explored as a last resort.

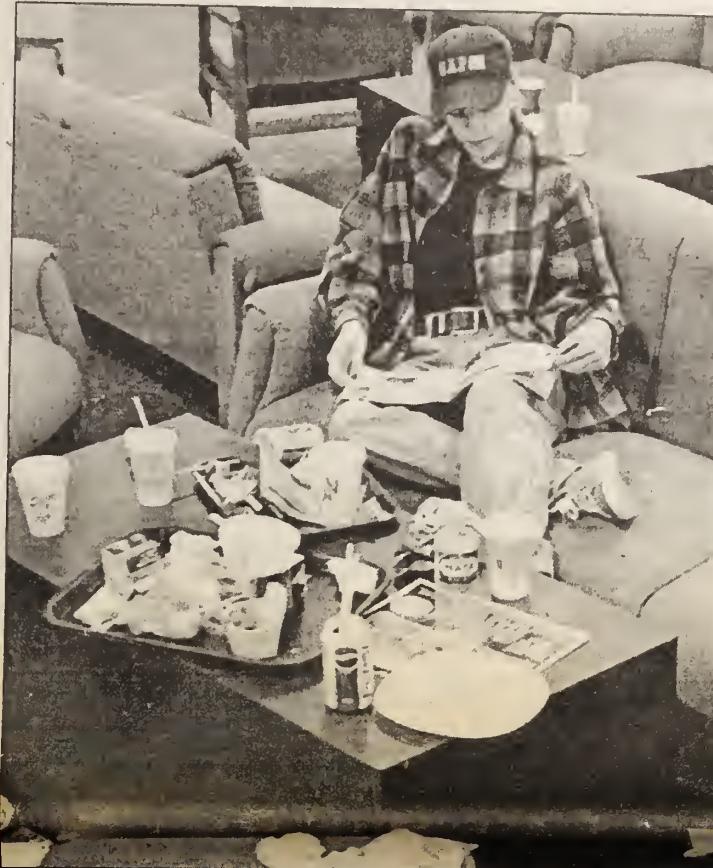
"If we're going to spend money on something like that, we're in a pretty sad state."

"As much as it might be a good idea to hire people, it seems ridiculous that we would have to get to that point."

He added that additional house-keeping funds would come at the expense of other DSA-sponsored services or activities.

The DSA plans to post new signs this week which will give students a week's notice before the Sanctuary is closed.

"What we're probably going to do is tape the signs on the actual tables," FitzPatrick said. "Although, when we tried that last year, you couldn't read the signs because they were covered with garbage."



Chandra Sigtama, a second-year management studies student, sits in the Sanctuary on Sept. 27 surrounded by a sampling of the mess left behind by other students.

(Photo by Bruce Marion)

Victim's mother's talk moves students to tears

by Trish Jackson

The Sanctuary was pin-drop silent, and tears were visible in the eyes of many students as Priscilla de Villiers told them about her daughter Nina's tragic abduction and murder in 1991.

"It was real," said observer Val Johnson, a second-year social services student.

De Villiers helped form, and became president of, Canadians Against Violence Everywhere Advocating its Termination (CAVEAT) in an effort to change the justice system. She now speaks to groups to educate the public on issues of violence and crime prevention.

De Villiers' anti-violence presentation attracted approximately 200 students to the Sanctuary on Sept. 25.

De Villiers said Nina had been jogging on the sidewalk beside the QEW in "dreadful old running clothes" when she was abducted by Jonathan Yeo.

She said Yeo had been out on bail following an 11-year history of violence, and eight charges of rape — something should have been done to prevent his release into society.

"It turns out that every system of justice failed," she said.

She told students that children



CAVEAT president Priscilla de Villiers (right) talks to second-year social services student Andrea Robinson in the Sanctuary on Sept. 25.

(Photo by Trish Jackson)

see 100,000 acts of extreme violence by the age of 13, and she encouraged people to withhold their money from violent movies, and turn off violent TV shows.

"Don't support extreme violence, or particularly violent pornography, or violent sexual acts, in any sort of entertainment."

Just withhold your money, that's all you've got to do. And they'll take it off the air like that," she said.

"Society has got to start saying this is not acceptable," she said.

Following her address, de Villiers showed a film featuring portraits of young Canadian mur-

der victims, as well as students participating in anti-violence campaigns.

Maclean's TV producer Catharine Thomas and a camera crew were at the college to film de Villiers for a profile on Maclean's Honor Roll, hosted by Pamela Wallin.

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Women march against violence

by Trish Jackson

Hundreds of women walked along the streets of Kitchener-Waterloo shouting and singing during the Take Back the Night march Sept. 26.

The march, which began at Waterloo Park and led to Kitchener's City Hall, was to protest all forms of violence against women around the world.

The threat of rain and strong winds brought fewer marchers than expected. Approximately 300 women and children completed the five-kilometre walk.

Men were not allowed to participate because organizers wanted women to be independent, without the protection of men.

"I march because it reminds me that women are strong and we don't have to take the violence every day," participant Anne Gloer told the crowd during the pre-march rally.

Karen Reeves, an Elmira Family Violence Prevention Program worker, said she was marching "on behalf of the freedom I want my daughters to have." Reeves' two young daughters marched with her.

Another woman, who is currently staying in a crisis shelter, brought her Grade 8 daughter and her friend. "It's a good cause and they should learn early," she said.

Many women wore T-shirts with the Take Back the Night symbol of a moon on the front and the mission statement on the back.

The mission statement read: "We march as a symbol of our basic human right to be where we want, when we want, how we want, alone or with another, without the protection of men and without violence."

Marchers carried hand-made placards with slogans such as — I Wear My Bruises on the Inside; You Can't See Them, But They Will Last Forever.

During the march they shouted verses and sang advocating women's rights to safety. "Whatever we wear, wherever we go, yes means yes and no means no," they chanted.

Many citizens along the route, including a long lineup at a movie theatre, clapped and cheered for the women.

After the march, participants — and men — met for refreshments at city hall.

Energy conservation upgrade will pay for itself in six years

By Bryce Wilson

According to physical resources director Dave Putt, on Friday afternoons at 3 p.m., students can hear the air systems shutting down for the weekend.

This is part of a program in place to help cut down utility usage and to control the way they are used, Putt said.

Utilities can be divided up into electricity, gas and water.

The college also uses oil, but only as a standby for the emergency generator.

Putt said many people don't consider water as part of energy conservation.

"It costs us money to use and to get rid of it."

The most visible changes have been to the lights used at the college.

The college switched over from the old 40 watt T12 lights to the more efficient 28-32 watt T8. The lights were also cut down to two bulbs from four.

When the student services building was constructed, adding

the T8 system cost an extra \$47,000. According to Putt, Ontario Hydro gave the college a rebate of \$22,630 for using energy-efficient lighting.

Putt says the actual cost was around \$25,000 and the college saved that much in energy conservation in just two or three years.

There have also been changes to exterior lighting as well.

The college spent \$340,000 between 1991 and 1996 on upgrading lighting because of safety concerns.

The women's safety grant helped pay for the renovations so no money had to come out of operating costs, Putt said.

Only parking lots 3 and 10 still have lamp standards in the middle of the parking area.

The rest have multi-head standards and stand at the edges of the lots.

These lights offer greater visibility and, because of greater efficiency, cost only marginally more in hydro to use, Putt said.

With many of the smaller pro-

jects completed — those that offer immediate payback in savings — and with grants running out, Putt said the college entered into an energy conservation contract with Honeywell. The contract lasted for two years and ended in 1995.

They completed installing T8 lighting systems and also installed variable speed drives, which regulate the amount of hot air that is required to heat an area.

The speed drives blow the air into the area and variable air volume units were installed to control the amount of air flow going into each individual room, Putt said.

The contract cost \$1,458,000, but Putt says Honeywell guarantees the renovations will pay for themselves in six years.

According to Putt, there are no big plans in the future because all viable programs have been completed.

However, if anything outdated breaks down, it will be replaced with more modern equipment.

Alumni association seeks nominations

By Jennifer Dougall

It's time again for the faculty of Conestoga College to look back over the years and choose a graduate to represent the college at the annual Premier Awards.

The alumni association is taking nominations for the award which was designed to recognize the achievements of community college graduates.

"What they're looking for are grads who have achieved success ... who are very involved in their community," said Mary Wright, manager of student employment services, co-op education and alumni affairs.

The winners receive a medal and a \$5,000 bursary in their name given to the college of their choice, "which is usually their graduating college," Wright said.

The award isn't for the newly graduated, however. "It's usually people who have graduated a while ago because, for the type of calibre they're looking for, it's somebody that would have been established in their career for a while," Wright said.

A graduate is nominated in each

discipline area — usually. Last year, one area was left vacant "because we didn't feel we had a candidate from the nominations received that was appropriate," Wright said. Final selections are due at the end of October.

The alumni association's main goal is to keep graduates actively involved with what is happening at the college.

Graduates "can be goodwill ambassadors out in the community," Wright said. Ceremonies like the Premier Awards can help graduates keep that bond.

The association also has other ways to keep grads in tune with what is going on.

Connections, Conestoga's alumni magazine, is published twice yearly and has such features as "heard it through the grapevine," where graduates can send updates on what they have done since graduating and "lost sheep," where the association tries to get in touch with former students.

There is also a 24-hour hotline, where grads can call to find out the latest information from the association. The number is 748-5220, ext. 8888.

Campus administrator says Guelph campus like small town

By Wendy Cummins

The Guelph campus is a lot busier than people think it is, said campus administrator Christine Rivett.

With 10,257 square metres, it is one of the largest satellite campuses run by Conestoga and has a variety of technical shops for trades and apprenticeship programs.

"Originally, it was just another campus such as Doon. They had all types of programs here and they added an addition to the campus," she said.

The land for the Guelph campus, located on Speedvale Road, was purchased at the beginning of 1970. Construction began later that same year.

With 247 full-time students, 181 part-time students and approximately 1,400 continuing-education students, there is still room for new programs such as the renovation technician program started this fall, Rivett said.

Classes have been made bigger and rooms were changed around to offer more space for new programs.

"We're the only campus with the type of shops we have. We have welding, automotive and machine shops. The welding shops run seven days a week, from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.," she said.

"Guelph campus is like a small town. Everybody knows everybody else," she said.

Like a small town, where everyone helps everyone, visitors may notice a courtyard with plants and interlaying brick built in the centre of the school.

Students can enjoy lunch at picnic tables or choose to barbecue as a class, Rivett said. The courtyard was a class project for the con-



Apprenticeship students learn new millwrighting skills in one of the shops at the Guelph campus Sept. 27. (Photo by Wendy Cummins)

struction multiskills program in 1992.

The Guelph campus has created more room in the school by removing the learning resource centre which, Rivett said, was not being utilized enough.

Work is being done to create a quiet study area for students at the school.

"We want to provide our students with a quiet study area," Rivett said.

The college took a survey and found that students were using it for studying and for typewriter use.

The Guelph campus may be changing, but they have to keep moving ahead, Rivett added.

Advertising hits campus washrooms

By Bryce Wilson

Conestoga's washroom walls will soon be featuring a new look with the addition of advertising.

Barry Milner, the college's manager of physical resources, said the advertising frames have been tested at the recreation centre since January, and the college has decided to expand the locations.

The advertiser is Zoom Media, a Quebec-based company that was established about five years ago by two university students as a project for a business class.

The college has an agreement with Zoom Media for a two-year contract, with an option for another three years.

Milner says the college has the potential of possibly earning about \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year.

"Certainly the college is always looking at ways of increasing revenue in times of tight budgets."

The revenue helps pay for the costs of operating the college, he said.

The frames, which are made of solid metal, will be placed in washrooms in all academic buildings on all campuses.

They will, however, not necessarily be in administration buildings because Zoom Media targets its audience very specifically.

Laurie Zakreski, director at Zoom Media's Toronto office, said there are three distinct target areas: students (colleges and universities), restaurants and bars, and sports facilities.

Zoom Media has had Impact

Research study the effectiveness of the advertising, and Zakreski said they have found it to be highly efficient because people have no choice but to look at the advertising.

The advertisements can also be geared towards males and females, which already target students between the ages of 18 and 24.

Zakreski said Zoom Media asks students their opinions and has always had approval ratings above 80 per cent.

She said Zoom Media has frames up in nine universities and five colleges in Ontario.

The frames have stickers on them which have a phone number to call if students want a free copy of the poster.

This helps to prevent vandalism," Milner said.

"By having these posters in the washrooms, it provides people with something to do while they use the facilities," Milner said, "and it has actually reduced vandalism in the washroom areas — not only in post-secondary institutions, but in bars also."

Ian James, the college's director of athletics and recreation, said he thinks the posters are a really good idea.

By putting a poster in a bathroom at the recreation centre, "a guy can't help but look at it," said James.

Milner said the college gets to review all the posters before they go up, and 10 per cent of unused frames can be used by the college for its own promotion.

"It's been a positive all the way around," said Milner.

Host of McLean and Co. now teaching at college

By Jason Seeds

Conestoga's radio and television broadcasting students are reaping the benefits of a CKCO-TV morning show cancellation.

Bob McLean of the recently cancelled Morning Magazine, and with a lifetime of television and radio broadcasting, is teaching two courses at Conestoga this semester.

When he first started studying radio arts at Ryerson in the 1950s, there were no classes in television production, but his class was allowed to sit in on the CBC's lectures when they first started in the late 1950s. He graduated in 1959.

In his 36-year career, he has worked for CHCH in Hamilton, CKVR in Barrie. For 10 years he worked in Cleveland and Philadelphia.

McLean landed a job in Philadelphia after Tom Snyder left for his late night show in L.A.

McLean's wife, Willa, has produced all his shows for the last 10 years. He said she will be involved in any new project he takes on.

Mike Du Boulay, a teacher in the broadcasting program, was a guest on Morning Magazine a short time before it was cancelled.

"I called Mike to see if there was any work at the college," said McLean.

Lucky for broadcasting students, there was, said Du Boulay.

Du Boulay first met McLean on a tour of CBC studios in Toronto.

In the mid-'70s, Du Boulay was on a tour through the studio, and McLean was taping a show at the time.

McLean also taught at

Confederation College in 1982, and at NAIT College in Alberta in 1980.

He teaches third-year students television performance and first-year radio news reporting at Conestoga.

"I love teaching and I had a little time on my hands," he said.

Once Baton bought the Regis and Kathy Lee Show, the broadcaster divided the cost between all five different stations, reducing the cost to each.

Morning Magazine, although it was cheaper to broadcast, can only be used for one station.

"Local Canadian talk shows are dead," he said, in part because of the pressure for a bigger audience.

Whether McLean will teach any courses in the winter semester is undetermined, but Du Boulay said the chance is good. There may be an opening for a first-year television performance teacher.

But McLean is not waiting to hear from the college. He has a few new television and radio proposals in the works.

"I've got two syndicated ideas on the go, one for radio and one for television. Of course, I would love to teach another semester. I'm hoping to do something with the specialty channels that are growing so fast." But McLean said that wouldn't be for at least a year.

McLean was on Kitchener television for six years and on a sister morning show on Windsor television for five years.

The Windsor show was broadcast at the same time every morning and was the same format, except it had different guests local to Windsor.

Contracts are renewed every year, so staff for a particular show never know for sure if contracts will be reissued from one year to the next.

Nevertheless, McLean was shocked and disappointed when Morning Magazine was cancelled.

"I was expecting the cancellation of the Windsor program, but this was a shock."

"Roger's Community 20 is trying to fill the gap with more local info," said Du Boulay.

"If given the opportunity to work wherever I wanted, I would choose television," said McLean. "That's where I have had the most fun."

As for his 30 first-year students, they are having a lot of fun, too, said McLean.

"But the 12 third-year students I teach are more serious. They are starting to look at the job market," he said.

McLean was born in Windsor, where he lived until 14. The family then moved to Preston, where much of his family still lives.

McLean didn't want to reveal his radio idea, which he said hasn't been done before.

He and a partner have been working too long on it to have it copied by a reader.

He did admit, however, that the television show would be a travel show.

McLean said he didn't know all his students' names yet, but he did know their personalities, and that is more important.

"It's always good to have someone with experience," said Du Boulay. "He has been around a lot. It just so happens he also has



Bob McLean, former host of McLean and Co., now teaches in the broadcasting, radio and television program. (Photo by Rob Edwards)

teaching experience — and is a very good teacher. He gets the students excited.

The general manager from CKCO in Kitchener, Peter Jackson, also teaches a course here, said Du Boulay.

"The advantage of having part-

timers teaching broadcasting is that they have a huge body of knowledge. We are looking for a good electronic news gathering instructor, but we can't find anybody who has extensive field knowledge and time to teach," Du Boulay added.

Physical resources plans recycling audit

By Ross McDermott

The college's manager of physical resources says a waste management audit planned for some time during this academic year should show an increase in recycling.

Barry Milner said the last audit, in 1995, showed Conestoga was diverting 55.35 per cent of its waste through recycling or reuse.

"The receptacles we have now are being used much more than prior to the waste audit in 1994."

There are 157 recycling receptacles throughout Doon campus. They are categorized into four types of materials: newspaper, fine paper, bottles and cans.

"We encourage everyone to participate in the recycling program," Milner said.

Rich Duench, a second-year management studies student at Doon campus, said he usually uses the recycling receptacles. "If they're in plain view, I use them. I'm not 'save the world,' but I'll do my part."

Though the recycling program at Doon campus seems to be going well, Milner said there are still some problems at the Guelph campus.

The Guelph campus is experi-

encing "some growing pains" because the city handles the recycling and is using a wet-dry system.

At Doon campus, he said, the waste is picked up by Laidlaw Transport Ltd., and they decide on the method of disposal.

Milner said students at the Guelph campus are there for short periods of time and need on-going education to ensure they are familiar with the recycling program.

"Everything we do costs money," he said, "but recycling is cheaper in the long run with regards to the environment."

According to the Recycler's Handbook, published by the environmental group Earth Works, making cans from recycled aluminum reduces related air pollution by 95 per cent and saves 95 per cent of the energy needed to make aluminum from bauxite ore.

The handbook states that one ton of paper made from 100 per cent waste paper saves 17 trees, 30,000 litres of water, 41,000 kilowatts an hour, and two cubic metres of landfill space.

Most bottles and jars contain 25 per cent recycled glass and recycling glass saves 25 to 32 per cent of the energy used to make glass, Earth Works reports.

Woodworking enrolment increases

By Shawn Leonard

Enrolment in the college's Woodworking Centre increased this year with 81 students attending compared to last September's 70.

Mark Bramer, co-ordinator for woodworking technology, said the increase is due mainly because of society's renewed woodworking interest.

In the last few years, the enrolment rate has been lower than what the centre would have wanted.

"This year the rate is where we would like to be," said John Buss, co-ordinator for the woodworking technology. Buss said that the

placement rate in the program for the students is also where they would like to be.

Approximately 90 per cent of the students continue to work at their job placement.

Buss said the businesses who participate in these placements find that Conestoga students are competent and qualified to do the job.

Bramer said the dropout rate is around five per cent of the students each year. He said that it is low for a few reasons: One is because people who come into the program know what they are getting into and know what to expect from the programs that are offered at the centre.

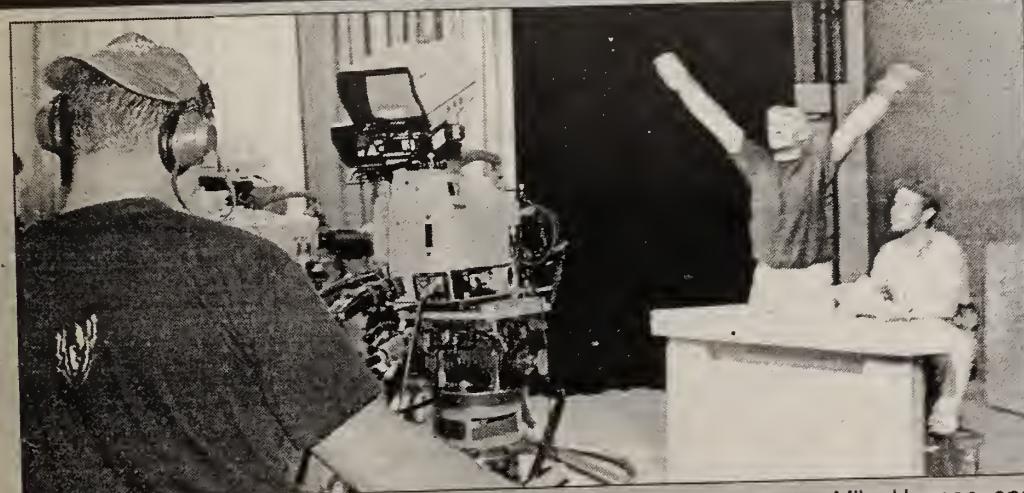
They have an interest in working with wood and know the courses taught in the program will help them so they can find work in the woodworking community.

Bramer said another reason for students dropping out is that there is an outside problem in the student's life, such as a family problem. This will add to the stress involved with going to college.

Some students just can't handle the course and, unfortunately, have to drop out, Buss said. They find out the course is not what they expected it to be and decide it is not for them.

The reason for a student dropping out is hardly ever because of a dislike for the program.

Camera's rolling . . .



Second-year broadcasting student Andrew Krestik watches classmates Mike Heenan and Roger Wardell overact during a practice-taping for the Oktoberfest parade. (Photo by Jason Seeds)

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Victim syndrome not an excuse

By Doug Coxson

When the disturbing testimony of Karla Homolka portrayed her as a victim of her husband's manipulation and abuse, millions of people accepted her excuses.

Of course, they said, no woman could do the things Homolka was accused of doing unless she was powerfully coerced by an evil abuser. The Crown believed it to an extent and so did the jury.

It wasn't until videotapes and forensic evidence surfaced at her husband Paul Bernardo's trial that some of the people, convinced she was a victim of abuse, began to have their doubts. Homolka's performance on the videos revealed her as a willing participant in the torture and rape of Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy. But surely that's just proof of the power Bernardo had over her.

Forensic evidence showed, but did not prove, that bruises on Kristen French's back resembled the marks knees would make if they were forcefully embedded into flesh. The marks were too small to be from Bernardo's knees, yet prosecutors at his trial demonstrated how he knelt on Kristen French's back to strangle her with an electrical cord.

There's no way Homolka could do something like that, but even if she did, it must have been because she was doing it out of fear for her own life.

I'm positive that while Homolka was kneeling down and pulling on the electrical cord, choking the life out of Kristen French, she was crying hysterically and thinking about all the opportunities she had to walk away from the hell she was living in.

The boy-next-door looks of Bernardo successfully concealed his deceit for several years. When he was finally accused of rape and murder, some people said he must have been possessed by the devil or abused as a child. He never offered any excuses for his actions. Of course there's no way someone as charming and good looking as Bernardo could do something as sick as that unless the devil made him do it — whatever.

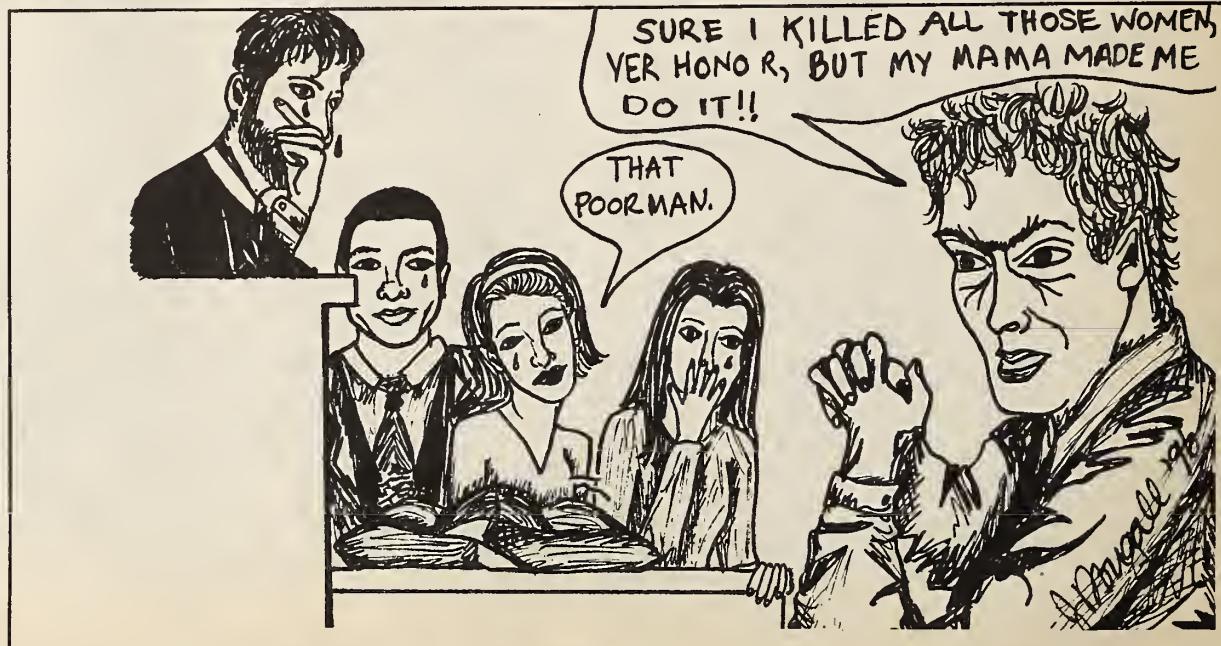
The only victims in this case are French, Mahaffy, the rape victims and their families.

It's sad and disturbing when people accept the excuse that murderers and rapists are themselves victims. Why must everyone, whose own human weakness and depravity has led to someone else's death or injury, be labelled a victim of something?

Is it because it's easier for us to say a killer is a victim of society than to comprehend that level of human corruption?

There are people who, after suffering through terrible abuses, have been altered at an emotional level and have risen above it to become functioning members of society.

By labelling murderers and rapists as victims of abuse, we only lessen the accomplishments of those who have overcome such obstacles.



Body language fun to study but useless

By Bruce Manion



A few years ago, I used to read the world atlas all the time hoping one day to learn every country, every river, every city in the world.

I soon gave up this idle pursuit.

However, a lot of the information was retained. For instance, I could rhyme off all the capital cities of the countries in the world. I became quite proud of this somewhat impractical talent.

Then one day I became bored and focused my attention on something more interesting. I figured I would never forget what I had learned. But, eventually, I did.

The area which I found much more interesting to examine was body language and facial expressions. Most of you have done it.

It is fun trying to get into the minds of other people you see walking down the street or perhaps sitting across from you on the bus.

Was it possible to read faces with the same proficiency as one could read an atlas?

Imagine that. Every slight raise of the eyebrows, every subtle little smirk, every twitch of the nose could be understood with the same clarity as the knowledge of which river runs through which mountain range into which city.

Was this what the self-proclaimed psychics were adept at — reading people's expressions and applying a level of intuition to deduce what their responses would be.

Subtle gestures, which indicate to the psychic, "continue, you have hit on something" or "no stop, that's wrong."

It is a given that for each individual thought, whether negative or positive,

there is an accompanying facial expression or gesture — happiness is shown by a smile, sadness by a frown.

But what about the more remote feelings that have no clear-cut expression, like insecurity.

If someone could read these expressions and properly place them within the context of a situation, then it would be possible for someone to read people's minds by reading their body language. I wouldn't be so skeptical of psychics.

However, there is always the uncertainty of having no way to check if you were correct in thinking what the other person was thinking.

You just rack your brain over possibilities of what others might be thinking and you find your own individual thoughts start to disappear. The lack of concreteness can lead to insanity.

I have since gone back to studying my atlas.

Washington Capitals will vie for finals

By Eric Whitfield



The Washington Capitals won't dazzle many teams with an abundance of offensive moves but their overall depth and talent will make them the NHL's biggest surprise this year.

The Capitals are a well-balanced team with youth and veterans on offensive and defence.

On defence, they feature four veteran players, Phil Housley, Sylvain Cote, Mark Tinordi and Calle Johansson, who can compete with any team's top four defencemen, when it comes to depth.

With talented youngsters, Brendan Witt, Sergei Gonchar and Nolan Baumgartner mixed in with the veterans and tough guy Joe Reekie, Washington has the most solid defence in the league.

Phil Housley, who last year played in

New Jersey and Calgary, and Sylvain Cote will provide offence and a smooth transition game.

Last year the Capital's defence scored 49 goals, 14 more than the league average 35, which was done without the services of the offensively minded Housley, who scored 68 points.

Like defence, the Capitals goaltending is strong. Jim Carey had a goals-against average of 2.26, third best in the league last year, and he won the Vezina Trophy, for the most outstanding goalkeeper.

While he has played poorly in post-season games the past two years, the experience he gained during that time will help him prepare for this upcoming season and this year's playoffs.

Offence up front seems to be the team's weakest area, but with a few players developing into stars, the Capitals could have just the right mixture of offensive and defensive forwards.

Steve Konowalchuk, who scored 45 points last year, 23 of them being goals,

showed, at times, that he may become one of the league's best goal scorers.

A number of the team's other young forwards could become established in the league, such as Jason Allison, Pat Peak, who may surprise a few people with his offence, and Andrew Brunette.

Peter Bondra and Michal Pivonka last year provided most of the team's offence. They had 80 and 81 points respectively, and Bondra scored 52 of the club's 234 goals.

The Capital's representatives have said the franchise is interested in acquiring another tough-offensive forward and rumors about Jeremy Roenick and Brendan Shanahan heading to Washington have been tossed around by the media.

With the recent injury to Joe Juneau, the team's third highest scorer last year, a deal may be necessary.

Players such as Mike Eagles, Dale Hunter and Keith Jones provide the defence and toughness required to be successful in the NHL.

COMMENTARY

Canadian Pension Plan a bomb waiting to go off

By Peter Marval



There are numerous bombs waiting to go off in Canada. Silently and relentlessly they tick away, waiting to go off.

One of those bombs is our Canadian Pension Plan, and despite studies from bomb experts who say the detonator has been diffused, I would say that it is still ticking — it's just been given a longer fuse.

Politicians know about it; they just neglect to mention it. Their agenda, after all, is re-election. It wouldn't do their political careers much good to tell us we're sitting on a potential powder-keg.

Some experts believe only modest changes are needed to the CPP. One modest change is the gradual increase in CPP premiums to 14 per cent, from the present 5.6 per cent.

Now, 14 per cent doesn't sound too bad, if it was the only increase in wage reductions. But, from now until 2030, many things could happen, and will happen, which could transform modest changes into indecent alterations.

There's already talk of Canada's health care system — another bomb ready to explode — becoming defunct because of unyielding costs. Seniors, for the most part, rely heavily on health care.

Even if pension rates remained stable, without health care, seniors would surely

suffer economic hardships. Also, programs are being slashed, civil service jobs taken away and too many money-saving proposals to mention are being utilized.

There is so much going on at any one point that it's hard to discern what is working and what is not. Then there is the mother of all bombs, the federal deficit, which is somewhere in the \$500-billion range. Ottawa devotes about one-quarter of its payments to interest payments alone.

At birth, every child is already in debt to the government \$18,000. That's what they owe for the past, but what about what they will owe for the future?

Nobody knows what the economic situation of Canada, let alone the world, will be like in 2030. One cannot make predictions

based on today's scenarios. Things such as the environment, the increase in the population of the world, the depletion of natural resources, crime and violence, and many other small facets which make up the whole, are all factors to take into consideration. A fluctuation in one facet can have a diverse effect on all the others.

Pension is just one aspect of an integral and complex mechanism. Experts, who either warn us or comfort us, are usually experts in only one field, each one looking at the big picture through a small hole. In order to properly diagnose and find solutions to growing problems, a macrocosm perspective is required.

The bombs are ticking, silently and relentlessly, waiting to go off.

Nazi figure skaters, religion and the boredom we will die of

By Sean S. Finlay



Religion is dead, everything cool has been done, history is now merely repeating itself, only old people win the California lottery and we will all die from boredom.

These cheerful, happy thoughts claw away at my head each day as I drive through the city to school, and I wonder how I keep going.

I guess I picked the right time to go to college, for the simple fact that television and life have not changed.

Since I study hard every night — even on weekends — and for fun take mother to bingo, there isn't time for television, going to the movies or exploring life outside school. But I don't care, nothing is pleasantly different.

This is the month for new shows and return shows. I watched 90210 for a laugh. I hadn't seen it for more than a year, yet I could figure out who was sleeping with whom and could predict the ending well before the second commercial.

Even ER, one of my favorites, hasn't changed. Dr. Greene and the gang are still talking doctor garble and sticking stuff in places I didn't know existed until I got cable.

Story plots are the same in new and returning shows and cloning is the word for the day. This season there are X-File clones, Friends clones and Seinfeld

clones. It doesn't matter which channel you choose, the theme of the show resembles one of those clones.

In the movie industry they are bringing back old shows to the big screen like the Brady Bunch, twice in fact. Boy, I can't wait for the Beave and Wally to return.

Music hasn't changed either; remix after remix is played in every musical form known on this planet. Also, since the Rolling Stones and the Eagles dug themselves up and did their comeback tour, every old-fogey band has attempted a return. From Zeppelin to the Sex Pistols, it's all the same old same old.

This whole thing about bringing the great oldies back is becoming a bizarre trend. There is no end in sight; we will never have it as good as our parents or our grandparents. They each lived in a time when television and movies were testing the waters of ethics. I don't think anything else can be tested; we've all decided how much boob can be shown and how much we can take lesbian-Nazi figure skaters on talk shows.

Maybe, once I'm done school, I'll join some Tibetan tribe, eat grasshoppers, worship some bald guy for a few years and make my comeback. Hopefully, Brandon will have been shot in some twisted lovers' quarrel with Steve, and Aerosmith will all have finally OD'd.

People are not cows, they can't keep accepting regurgitation twice over. Once it has first been absorbed, digest it, sit on it for a bit, then let it all go.

An engine like a Swiss watch but a body made of rusty Swiss cheese

By Scott Nixon



My car looks like a piece of crap.

I know it looks like a piece of crap because people keep telling me it does.

I don't know why my car offends so many people, but it does. Just the very sight of it makes people frown in disgust and growl, "Why don't you get a new car?"

A 1982 Honda Civic, my car has certainly seen better days. While the engine still runs like a Swiss watch, structurally the car looks like actor Jack Nicholson went nuts on it with his 9-iron.

My car used to be silver; now it's mostly rust.

And the rust — which never sleeps, by the way — causes large holes in the body, especially under the passenger door, where there's a massive hole that must be half a foot long.

And, of course, every time someone shuts the door, more rust crumbles away and the hole gets bigger.

Recently, a hole developed in the floor of my car. As my brother's girlfriend was standing up to get out of the car, I heard a low but distinct crack.

"I just stepped through something," she said.

Uh, yeah, that's my floor, Kim.

So now, the only thing separating me from the highway is the 15-year-old rug on the floor. Someday I'll probably cut a hole in

the rug so I can just drop trash through there instead of going to the trouble of having to roll down the window to toss out my garbage.

Did I mention my car leaks? Well, it does — gas, oil and exhaust all pour out of my car at unprecedented rates.

It leaks oil so badly that I have to top up the engine about every other day. If you don't believe me, just look at the huge oil stains on Conestoga's parking lots. My car made almost all of them.

There's also a large hole in the gas tank filler neck. What that means is that every time I put gas in the car, it leaks all over the ground.

I personally don't care, but it seems to upset other people.

Almost every time it happens, some idiot driving a new car says, "Hey, buddy, you're leaking gas."

No kidding, Chester, I'm standing in a puddle of it.

There is an advantage to a leaking car, though: the gas, oil and exhaust fumes are definitely mind altering, and by the time I get to my destination I'm flying higher than Kelsey Grammer.

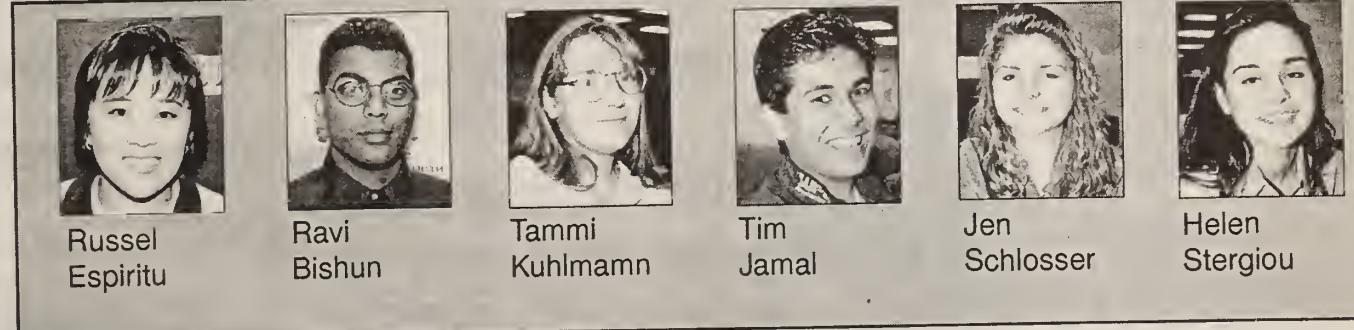
You can see my car's problems don't bother me; it still runs well and has never broken down on me. I bought it almost four years ago for \$550 and I think I've gotten my money's worth.

What I'm afraid of, though, is that some bored cop is going to pull me over and ask me, "Is this car safe to drive?"

No, probably not, but I love it.

Students offer solutions to Sanctuary garbage problem

By Diana Loveless



Clean up the Sanctuary or it will be closed. This message from the Doon Student Association has been posted in the Sanctuary since the second of week of this term. Yet the lounge continues to be a mess. The floor and tables are littered with garbage, especially after lunch.

So if threats don't work, what are the options?

One solution could be to raise the DSA activity fee by about \$1 and hire a couple of students to clean up during the day. Not only would that solve the problem, it would create a few more part-time jobs on campus.

Some students in the lounge Sept. 26 offered their suggestions:

"I think closing the lounge for a day or two might clue into people's minds that they should clean up after themselves," said Russel Espiritu, a third-year marketing student.

She agreed that it might be more productive to hire a couple of students to clean the

Sanctuary, even if that would require an increase in the DSA activity fee.

"We should pay somebody, a student, an hour a day to clean the lounge up," said Ravi Bishun, third-year marketing student and DSA class rep. "This would keep the lounge looking presentable."

"I don't think threats help."

First-year mechanical technician student Kelly Jim said "ideally, students should be looking after their own mess, but if you have to hire someone then I guess that's

what it comes to."

Tim Jamal, a second-year accounting student said, "It's too bad. People should pick up after themselves — there are six or seven garbage cans in here, so there's really no excuse."

"People are just too lazy — it's pathetic," said second-year accounting student Jen Schlosser. "Would you leave your dishes all over the place at home?"

She was also critical of the signs that have been posted around the lounge. "The signs

don't look serious," Schlosser said. "They're all fancied up — they look like party signs."

"I don't think they should close it just because of this," said Helen Stergiou, part-time business student. "That's ridiculous."

Second-year accounting student Tammi Kuhlmann said closing the Sanctuary for two weeks would definitely send a message to people, but she worried about where she might be able to have a snooze if the lounge is closed.

STUDENT LIFE

Conestoga's Octoberfest party draws low attendance



George Kash, of the George Kash band, entertains at Octoberfest on Sept. 26.
(photo by Eric Whitfield)

By Eric Whitfield

The few people who attended Octoberfest at the college's recreation centre saw a man chug a beer while standing on his head.

George Kash of the George Kash band entertained the crowd by chugging and singing polka songs.

Fewer than 200 people arrived for the Sept. 26 attraction. The majority were faculty and staff, said college community relations director Wayne Hussey.

Promotion of the event was not the problem, Hussey said.

Twenty-five different promotional steps were taken, including flyers and posters. "An event such as this will succeed or fail on direct face-to-face ticket sales."

Octoberfest was promoted as a DSA event and Hussey said the student association had indicated they could sell 400 tickets.

Bev Cutone, vice-president of

student affairs for the DSA, was not able to say how many tickets were sold.

But she said reasons for the low participation were cost: \$9 a ticket and many people not knowing there would be \$1,500 given

"An event such as this will succeed or fail on direct face-to-face ticket sales."

Wayne Hussey
community relations director

away.

Hussey said the price was appropriate considering the prizes.

There was a loss of money, but he was not able to say how much.

One of the purposes of the event was to raise funds for a scholarship for students or a student,

Hussey said.

Cameron Mackay, a graphic designer, won a trip to Florida, that only faculty and staff were eligible to win. The winner of a \$1,500 prize was Laura Brillinger, a third-year marketing student and promotions assistant for the DSA.

Other awards included T-shirts and frisbees for the best and most original Macarena dancer.

The Macarena song along with other dance music and some polka songs were provided by students and faculty of the school's radio-broadcast program.

The dance music gave way, after a couple of hours, when college president John Tibbets and DSA president April-Dawn Blackwell, tapped a beer keg.

Even though it's not October, Conestoga's Octoberfest was staged at an appropriate time, Hussey said, and added that the real Oktoberfest in Munich is held in September.

Gay association changes its name

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Participation has been on the rise since the first group for gay and lesbian students attending Conestoga College was started in February 1995 at the Doon campus.

Joan Magazine, counsellor for student services, was approached by a gay student who wanted to see something happen for the college's gay population.

The student asked Magazine if notices could be posted to inform students who may be interested in starting a group. Four students participated the first year.

Magazine said the importance of the group is the opportunity it presents for people to meet other homosexuals.

"Social events at the college are not really a venue for our gay

population," Magazine said. "The events tend to focus on male-female relationships."

Approaching and asking other students their sexual orientation is not accepted.

September 1995 saw the introduction of the Gays and Lesbians at Doon (GLAD) fellowship.

Organizers from the previous semester had used posters to welcome gay students attending Doon. Students from Conestoga's other campuses were included in the welcome.

Magazine had several gay students approach her and say how they appreciated the welcoming.

Some of the students came out with their sexuality for the first time and were relieved by how positive the experience was.

When the original group was formed, Magazine provided help by screening interested students.

Her first concern was possible backlash and harassment by heterosexual students.

This September saw the group's name changed from GLAD to Conestoga Gay and Lesbian Association.

Its purpose remains the same — getting to know other gays in the Doon community through social planning and discussions.

Interest and time, said Magazine, is all anyone needs who wants to come out and meet their peers.

The first meeting for this semester was Sept. 25, with 10 students taking part.

Magazine said, according to statistics, Doon should have a larger gay population than represented by the turnout.

She said the group plans to continue meeting every other Wednesday from 4:30 p.m. till 5:30 p.m.

Alternate financing offered by Royal Bank

By Linda Reilly

The Royal Bank, Canada's top provider of government-sponsored student loans, is offering alternative financing for students who are not eligible for any government assistance or who have trouble covering tuition costs.

Royal Credit Line offers all qualified post-secondary students a credit line of up to \$5,000 a year for undergraduates, and \$10,000 a year for graduate students, at an interest rate of prime plus one per cent.

According to the bank, currently only 25 per cent of post-secondary students qualify for financial assistance from the government.

The remaining 75 per cent must find other sources of financing.

According to a bank press release, students have been hit by a combination of rising tuition costs and dim job prospects.

Alberta Cefis, vice-president of personal credit services for the Royal Bank in Montreal said a line of credit isn't for everyone.

She said if students need to borrow money, a credit line is a good way for them to manage debt.

Cefis said that when students receive a loan in one lump sum, there is sometimes a temptation to spend the money a little too quickly.

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Anti-violence play draws largest audience yet

By Trish Jackson

Wendy Farrant, actor and co-owner of Rule of Thumb theatre company, said the Sept. 26 performance of *He Says, She Says* drew its largest audience from three years of presentations at Doon.

This year the show was held in the Sanctuary. Close to 150 students gathered to watch the one-hour production.

He Says, She Says is a series of short vignettes that deal with issues of emotional abuse, sexual assault, stalking and date rape in both heterosexual and same-sex couples.

"We're trying to take stereotypes and blow them apart," Farrant told the audience after the show.

Actors Jim Corbett, Michael McPhaden, Elana Freeman and Farrant play a range of eight characters, using humor to balance the serious subject matter.

Students were laughing from the first minute when Farrant and fellow actor Jim Corbett were carried onto the stage sucking on baby soothers. Michael McPhaden and Elana Freeman portrayed parents spewing gender-based sexual stereotypes.

Gasps were heard from the audience when the actor-infants lit and

smoked a real cigarette and drank from a small liquor bottle on stage. Serious moments came later when students appeared silently captivated by emotional date-rape and sexual-assault scenes.

The show has been touring every fall and spring for the past three years, using new professional actors each year.

Farrant, a graduate of theatre arts at the University of Waterloo, and three other graduate students were originally commissioned by UW to create educational theatre that would appeal to college and university audiences.

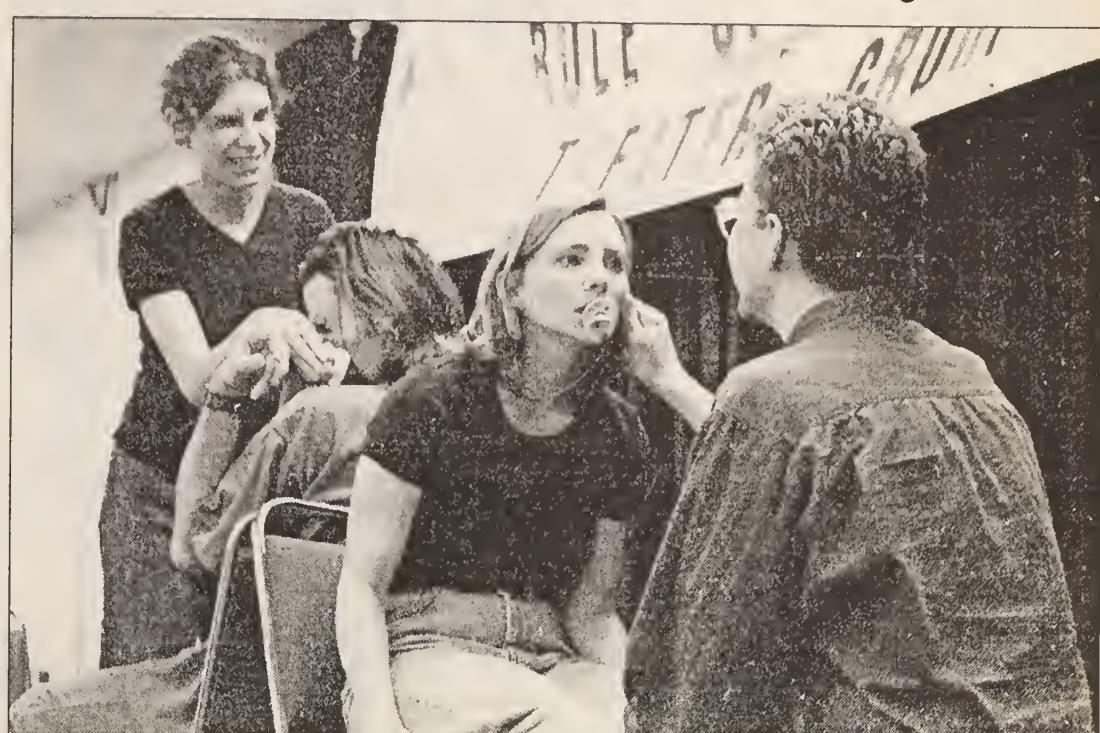
Farrant says they first created the characters, then researched by talking to students, police and counsellors before writing *He Says, She Says*.

The show, which contains street language and sexual content, aims to create a realistic and unsanitized form of theatre that students can identify with, said Farrant.

The group also customizes every performance to make it campus-specific.

Scenes involved local places like the Condor Roost, Whiskey Jack's and the Princess Theatre, and also mentioned counselling at student services.

Following the presentation, the



Cast members of *He Says, She Says* start the silliness in the opening scene of the Sept. 26 performance. The acting group, called Rule of Thumb, is promoting non-violence. From left to right are Elana Freeman, Jim Corbett, Wendy Farrant and Michael McPhaden.

(Photo by Trish Jackson)

actors held an open question period and encouraged students to trust their instincts and talk to a friend or counsellor when they have a problem.

Farrant also told the audience the

meaning behind the theatre company's name. Rule of thumb was a term originally used when it was legal for a husband to beat his wife, as long as the stick was no thicker than his thumb.

Rule of Thumb produces two other educational performances. Single and Sexy deals with issues faced by first-year post-secondary students and Power Play looks at sexual harassment.

Day-care centre closure a struggle for student

By Linda Reilly

When Tallpines Childcare Centre closed at the end of June, Leslea Bowman, a second-year law and security student, thought she would have a place for her two-year-old son Corey at the Early Childhood Education Centre at Doon campus when she returned to her studies in September.

When Bowman was told in April that Tallpines Childcare was closing, she said she was in shock. "We were told around April 1. I thought it was a joke."

She said she was given some forms to fill out to have her son placed in day care at Doon campus. At that time, she said she was told that Doon was hiring staff and opening new spots to accommodate child care that would be coming from Tallpines.

Bowman said she was told the children would be accommodated and she wouldn't have to worry about looking for alternate day care.

She said she was told she would be called when more information was available. When she hadn't heard by June, Bowman said she called Doon to confirm her spot, but she was told there was no room. It was suggested she call back in a couple of months to see if a place had opened up.

At that point Bowman said she had to look for alternate day care, which she found near her home at Rovero Day Care Centre. "It's great day care," she said.

The problem, she said, is the bus

only comes by every half hour and it now takes her two hours each way to get from home to day care to school.

"I spend more time on the bus than in class," she said. "I'm glad I'm a motivated person or I wouldn't bother."

Cathy O'Toole, a day-care provider, came from Tallpines to Doon day care and said spaces were made available for those children who came from Tallpines any time until the end of June.

She said those students who didn't start back to school until September were put on a waiting list, as they always are when they interrupt day care.

As in past years, there was no guarantee a spot would be available in September. "This year was no different, even with Tallpines closing," she said.

Lisa Horst of Driftwood Park Daycare Centre, handled enrolment at Tallpines before its closure. She said all parents with children in the day care were notified of the closure in April.

"Children were moved over to the Early Childhood Education Centre gradually, starting May 27. Groups moved weekly until the end of June."

Horst said a day-care facility depends on the income from each enrolment to run the facility and no centre can afford to hold a spot for four months. "A lot of times in the past, students have taken jobs in the summer and kept their child in day care to guarantee a spot in September."

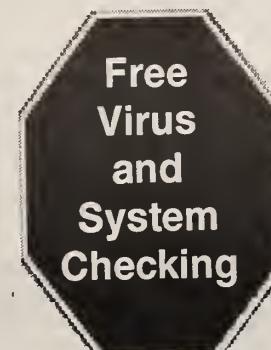
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Peer hosts help international students

By Jennifer Dougall

Although the last official day to train as a peer host was scheduled for Sept. 30, it's not too late to volunteer, says the co-ordinator of the program.

"Last year, even after Christmas, I kept getting a lot of requests," said Barb Kraler, a student services counsellor and head of the peer host program.

The program, run by student services in conjunction with the international education office, matches students from other countries to second- or third-year Conestoga students, who help them get to know the campuses and their surrounding areas.

"It's a buddy system," said Larry Rechsteiner, director of the international education office. "(The international students) get to know the culture, the country and the college somewhat better. They have someone to relate to."

Even though all 11 international students who requested peer hosts have been paired with students, applications are still being taken for later requests, Kraler said.

The program began when counsellors Carol Gregory and Helen Brown noticed some of the international students appeared disconnected from the school, Kraler said.

When their jobs became more administrative last

September, Kraler began running the program.

Six students were trained in late August at a two-hour seminar. The others were scheduled for a seminar Sept. 30.

The program looks for students who have a good cross-cultural awareness, who have similar interests and characteristics to the international students and possibly who have volunteered for similar peer programs in high school, Kraler said.

The program also tries to match people in the same social status, location, if out-of-town, and program. The majority of volunteers are from business programs.

About half of the hosts this year are international students in their second or third year who have gone through the peer host program themselves, Kraler said. Hosts and students are required to meet once a month she said.

"They really work out what the nature of their relationship will be," Kraler said.

Some students decide within a couple of months that they are comfortable at the college and discontinue the program. Others find their experience so enjoyable, they become genuine friends with their hosts, Kraler said.

Students who would like to be or to have a peer host are asked to apply at student services.

Spider's web



Cindy Brodhagen, Jen Cepukas, Jen Harpin, Kirk Lyon, Lori McEnaney, Kimberly Owens and Lena Schaefer participate in a "poison spider web" activity designed to enhance trust and co-operation between students. (Photo by Trish Jackson)

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Some students trying out for the marketing competition at Sheridan College. From front, left to right: Luis Kroker, Irina Padereski, Anabella Cordeiro, Lisa Broadfoot, Bev Cutone, Ravi Bishun, Russel Espiritu, Jon Grnca, Christina Wood, Donna Simonivic, Jake Burns, Sam Nakanish, Jen Voison, Debra Reyner, co-ordinator; Brad Corner, Cheryl Davidson and Carrie Bergin. (Photo by Sean S. Finlay)

Marketing students train for Ontario competition

By Sean S. Finlay

For the past week, marketing students at Conestoga have been preparing for the Ontario Colleges Marketing Competition, hosted this year by Sheridan in Oakville.

The annual competition, held this year Nov. 7 and 8, is a chance for marketing students from across Ontario to match wits to see who the best of the best is.

"It's marketing students putting their marketing intelligence against others from across Ontario," said Deborah Reyner, co-ordinator of the Conestoga marketing team.

Since Sept. 30, Reyner, who also teaches marketing, has been putting about 40 marketing students to the test with the help of other faculty members through a mini-competition that is similar to the official one.

From the mock setup, the best 15 students will be selected to represent the marketing department and the college at the 15th annual competition. In total, David Nowell of the Ontario College's Marketing Competition expects

150 students to attend the two-day event.

Reyner said any marketing student may try out for the team. A few first-year students do try out, she said, but the second- and third-year students usually place better because of experience.

The marketing event begins the Thursday afternoon with registration and team photos. Throughout the night, there will be tours of Sheridan College, and by 7 p.m. the students will begin the event with the first round called the marketing quiz bowl.

There are nine events, the last one finishing Friday at 5 p.m. The awards banquet and party follows to end the marketing competition.

On average, Reyner said, it costs the hosting college \$30,000 to put on the event.

That cost covers the banquet, hotel rooms needed to hold the individual competitions and care packages, containing items from snacks to pens given to each participant.

The Conestoga marketing department has to pay for the hotel rooms the students will be staying

in and registration costs. The Conestoga business Students Association traditionally pays for their expenses, but this year the executive is questioning the relevance of the competition to the school of business as a whole.

The students must pay for their own dinners, except the banquet meal.

Each separate section of the competition is judged by volunteer judges provided by the individual sponsors of the event. The judges are people who usually work in the marketing departments of the corporate sponsors or have some relation to the field of marketing.

Molson Breweries is the main sponsor of the event. Bell Canada, the Financial Post and Wal-Mart Canada are among other sponsors.

This year will be Conestoga's ninth year in the competition.

The first marketing competition was put together by Fanshawe College and St. Lawrence College, where it was first held.

The first year Conestoga attended the competition, the team placed first over all.

STUDENT LIFE

Student Services downsizing at satellite campuses

By Wendy Cummins

Student services is relying more on faculty at campuses such as Waterloo, Guelph, Stratford and Cambridge to provide support to students, said chair of student services Jack Fletcher.

Cutbacks have left those campuses with minimum counselling staff, Fletcher said.

"The number of students at those campuses has declined," he said. "The faculty will have to provide more support to the students."

At Waterloo, a counsellor will be available for one full day a week and Guelph will have a counsellor for half a day once a week. Stratford and Cambridge, the smallest

of Conestoga's satellite campuses, will have no counsellors, but staff at those campuses are able to join workshops that have been set up to help them deal with students' needs.

"The reality is there was a lot less money available," Fletcher said. "Staff members will do the best they can."

Stratford and Cambridge campuses can call the Doon campus if there is an emergency situation that they are unable to deal with, he said.

Guelph campus has provided students with a hotline service that links them directly to the Doon campus switchboard.

"We'll have to wait and see if that

is sufficient," said Christine Rivett, Guelph campus administrator. "We'll try to accommodate them but not to the extent of before."

The situation is a catch-22 for the colleges, Fletcher said. They recognize the importance of the services, but something has to go.

To offset the cutbacks student services has hired more professional social service workers to deal with students.

These people are paid less but still qualified, he said. "The approach I am taking is the best approach," Fletcher said. "I don't know what else to do. We have limited resources."

The Waterloo campus will probably feel the effects of the cut-

backs, Fletcher said.

"A lot of women or single parents with children go to Waterloo. We're getting a lot more students that have been out of the system for a long time and they bring a lot of problems and responsibilities they need to deal with."

Within the past three to five years student services has lost the equivalent of two full-time support staff members because of teaching assignments and reduced workloads.

"We've still managed to maintain good services," Fletcher said.

"If you have a strong student services, you're helping the college as well as the students because it helps retain the students."

"You don't know what the exact

impact of counselling can be, but there is an impact," he said.

If students have difficulties they should approach a teacher, program co-ordinator or the program's chairperson, or someone they feel good about, Fletcher said.

"We still want to see as many students as we can," he said.

Christine Rivett at the Guelph campus said like everything else, students will have to do things differently.

Students from the satellite campuses who are seeking help are welcome to call the Doon campus, said Fletcher. Student services has a policy to meet with students within two weeks of them making an appointment.

Catching air



First-year broadcasting-radio and television students, (left to right) Sara Klooster, Mary Shaw and Torri Rees practice their remote-radio broadcast skills in the cafeteria Sept. 26. (Photo by Diana Loveless)

Visually impaired student has big plans

By Colleen Cassidy

Becoming visually impaired when he was 21 has not diminished Carey Ruby's zest for life.

Ruby plans to enter the small-business program at Conestoga in January and after graduation start a small business with a friend.

Ruby, a third-year computer program analyst (CPA) student at the Doon campus says he may have to drop out of the program.

"It's becoming too visual," Ruby said.

Ruby said both Rick Casey, a counsellor in the special needs office, and Kristen Higgins, co-ordinator of the CPA program support his decision.

Ruby said when he entered the program it was DOS-based with a voice output, but it is being changed to Windows.

"Windows is more visual," he said. "There is voice output. But you have to think about what employers want."

Ruby will finish this semester in his present program and is looking at the possibility of getting a certificate for what he has already achieved in the program.

He is not certain what his busi-

ness will be. "We haven't written a business plan," Ruby said. "The hardest part is to know how to get started. That's what we want to get on the ball with."

He does know he wants his business to be in the service industry, providing several services for different needs.

Ruby, who has five per cent of his sight, became visually impaired in 1986.

Although legally blind, Ruby prefers the term visually impaired. "The term visually impaired better fits me — some of my friends are totally blind," Ruby said.

He was born with hydrocephalus — water on the brain. When he was four years old he had a shunt put into the back of his head. The shunt drained the water off his brain.

"In 1986, it wasn't functioning properly, and it didn't drain. Pressure built up and damaged the optic nerve," he said. "I had full sight until then. I was driving and working on the farm with my dad. Living in the country and on the farm, there are a lot of things I can do that I did before — except driving a tractor and a car. But my interests led elsewhere."

"I had an opportunity to go back

to school. So in 1991 there was a school in London which used computers with a voice output. That gave me a chance to scope," Ruby said.

He taught computer programming at Conestoga and then enrolled in the CPA program.

Ruby writes his tests in the special needs office.

The test is scanned through the computer or someone reads the questions to him.

He uses two tape recorders for his classes. One is for short notes or memos, the other is for recording lectures.

"It's not preferable — I have to sit through a two-hour class and sit through two more at home," Ruby said.

"I think people have the perception that life must be horrible," he said. "I don't wake up saying 'oh, oh I'm blind'."

Correction

In the Sept. 30 issue, Donna Delahunt's name was incorrectly spelled in a pullquote. Spoke regrets the error.

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Engineers raise funds for upgrades

By Jason Romanko

There is a busy little room located in the technology wing that is bustling with activity.

Room 2A68 is crammed with a lunch area, ragged couch and computer terminals.

This is the home of the Conestoga student branch of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers or commonly referred to as the "I-Triple-E" club.

The group has come up with an innovative way to raise funds for the branch to upgrade their computers and supply other equipment they need.

The institute is selling computer system upgrades and whole computer systems they construct for students and faculty.

There is a definite market for computer sales these days, and one major advantage the institute offers to students is lower-than-market prices, Shin Huang, treasurer and third-year automated manufacturing student, said.

"We are fund-raising because we want to improve the computers in this room."

"We are selling computers at a minimal mark-up, about 10 per cent over cost."

"We have a low overhead, we are not spending the money on expensive labor. But we are still building a quality product for the buyer," Huang said.

Members of the student branch are also getting some experience with computers because they are doing the actual hands-on assembly.

Huang said this is a win situation for everyone involved because they are making some money to keep their computers upgraded along with getting some work experience and the buyer is getting a quality system for a great price.

The group has raised around \$2,000 by selling 12 units.

"For other non-profit student organizations at the school we offer our services at cost," Huang said.

The I-Triple-E club currently has around 35 members, ranging from year one to year three.

"It is a great way for new students to integrate into a new environment by meeting with people who have already gone through the things they are going to go through," Huang said.

The group is open to anyone registered in a technology program.

There is \$38 fee for all members. The fee allows the members to use all the resources located at 2A68.

By Doug Coxson

Engineering students seeking an edge in the increasingly competitive job market should take advantage of the services provided by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, said Grand Valley Chapter 81's bulletin editor and professor of mechanical engineering at Conestoga.

The society, said Stelian George-Cosh, is an international professional society for engineers with approximately 115 student members at Conestoga and more than 70,000 members worldwide.

The manufacturing society was established in the United States in 1932.

Conestoga's student chapter, which is linked with the senior chapter of manufacturing engineers, was established in 1986 and

has grown rapidly since it was introduced, said George-Cosh.

Conestoga's student chapter is just one of approximately 260 student chapters of the society around the world.

Membership includes the following: copies of their monthly publication, Manufacturing Engineering Magazine; free use of the society's resume database system; access to various activities such as tours of local companies; seminars and access to the manufacturing society's library and an on-line bulletin board.

The resume database system offers students a chance to have their resumes seen by manufacturers throughout Canada, the United States and overseas each available over the Internet.

Since the society has grown in recent years, Conestoga has pro-

vided student members with a private workroom across from the security office containing drafting tables, periodical resources, a plotter, a phone line and computer terminals.

"The students are encouraged to use the room since the campus is becoming quite crowded," said George-Cosh.

Tours of local companies such as Vantage Laser Cutting Limited in Cambridge and Canadian Alloy Casting in Kitchener, allow students a first-hand look into the manufacturing processes, George-Cosh said.

Seminars with guest speakers such as the minister of labor and leaders of large companies, give student members the chance to gain valuable insights and make contacts with prospective future employers.

"As a student," said George-Cosh, "you are gradually prepared through the SME to enter the professional life."

The executive chapter of the society organizes events for student members, such as Christmas parties, and provides discounts on publications like The Machinery's Handbook, which George-Cosh said is like the Bible in the engineering field.

Membership to the society for students is \$21 per year. The Society of Manufacturing Engineers' homepage is located at <http://www.sme.org> and contains information about seminars, conferences and other events in the manufacturing field.

Further information and membership application forms are available from George-Cosh in Room 2A98.

Ch-ch-ch-changes



Ivan Kahn, an employee of Chonar Inc., changes the jukebox CD's in the Sanctuary on Sept. 26. (Photo by Doug Coxson)

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Greg Kit, a second-year graphic design and advertising student, measures out one of his projects. (Photo by Scott Nixon)

Registration system changed Registrar's office tries to reduce lineups

By Peggy Sue Ironside

Fred Harris, college registrar, initiated a new system for new and returning students during September's orientation week.

Harris said the new system gave his office quicker access to who was and who wasn't attending programs at the college.

Students who did not show up to register were contacted by telephone the following afternoon and were asked if they were enrolling. Administration was then able to fill empty spots with the people waiting to get into Conestoga.

The new system, Harris said, was an ideal process for reducing lineups and confusion.

The old method of registration brought large groups of students together at the same time in the Blue Room, causing difficulties.

Harris said the new system has smaller groups arriving at different times and creates a more intimate setting for the students.

Jack Fletcher, the college's chair of student services, said the new registration system was beneficial in three ways: paper work was done sooner, students had the information for their programs before classes began, and they were connected with faculty and

available help services.

The key people at Conestoga are the faculty, Fletcher said. They have close contact with students and can give information about the help available on campus.

The students' procedure guide has a lot of information in it and should be referred to in class by the teacher. Some faculty need to be reminded of this, he said.

Fletcher said having instructors go step by step through the guide isn't necessary, but they should point out what's in it.

"It also tells students about their rights and responsibilities. Some faculties don't know how important it is for them to pass this information on to the students."

Some students don't know there is financial or personal help available for them. Knowing there is help can make the difference between staying in school or leaving, said Fletcher.

"I really do believe we can't do enough to make the students feel comfortable with each other, the faculty, and the staff," he said.

Jennifer Leith, associate registrar, said, "My overall perception of the week of registration was that it went really smoothly. And it was a really good way to meet and greet new students."



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Officers perform wide variety of duties

Security's role at Conestoga

By Bryce Wilson

Bob Gilberds, security supervisor at Conestoga, keeps pictures in the office of the signs around the college that display parking rules and regulations.

He says that a majority of people who get tickets realize they're in the wrong but the pictures are used as proof when people come into the office arguing they have been unfairly fined.

Amber Newing, a security officer at the college, patrols the lots during the day and does most of the ticketing. She said she makes a lot of enemies because people don't like her much after getting fined.

"Some of them aren't the nicest," Newing said. "You get used to them coming in and yelling at you."

Security officers also sell and monitor the parking decals for the lots. According to Gilberds, there are approximately 50 people waiting for parking spaces.

Security has been monitoring the number of empty spaces daily since school started and Gilberds had hoped to be able to sell more decals during the last week of September.

Gilberds said stolen decals have always been a problem and people should lock their cars at school and when off school property.

Another problem is forged decals. Gilberds says people caught with fake decals are warned that they could be charged with fraud. They also have to pay the parking fee for the entire year, plus a \$16 administration fee and a \$10 ticket.

According to Janet Smith, one of only two security officers — the other is Gilberds — who work directly for the college, security officers have a wide range of responsibilities.

She says there are approximately 10 officers who work for Wackenhut, a contractor that supplies the college with security personnel. Of these, there are at least two security officers working at all times.

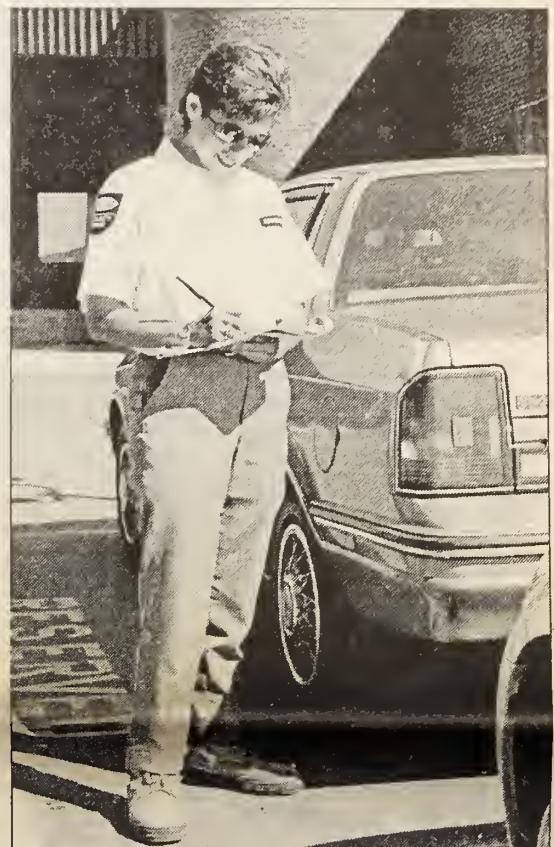
During nights and weekends, Smith says, security has to patrol the entire school. Officers carry a portable clock around the campus and complete what she calls "detex rounds." There are keys fixed to certain areas (at least one in every building) that are used to engage the clock and record the time.

Smith said each round takes a little over two hours

to complete and the clock provides proof of when and where the security officers patrolled.

While patrolling, Smith said the officers have to keep an eye out for anything suspicious as well as mechanical problems.

Security also look after lost and found, opening and closing classrooms and buildings, accidents and confrontations, and responding to fire alarms. Security answers the alarms first, Smith said, because there have been so many false alarms in the past.



Security officer Amber Newing tickets a car near the loading dock between doors 4 and 5.

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STUDENT LIFE

Guelph campus embraces wet-dry recycling program

By Wendy Cummins

Students at Conestoga's Guelph campus have been sorting out their garbage since the beginning of September.

Complying with the City of Guelph's new wet-dry recycling program requirements, implemented Nov. 13, 1995, the Guelph campus removed the old blue box system and started the new program at the beginning of the fall semester.

"Guelph residents are diverting 50 per cent of waste from landfills," said Nora Martin, community relations assistant for the City

of Guelph. "Waste was only 10 per cent reduced with blue boxes."

The new system is easier to use because you don't have to analyze every product to see where it should go, Martin said.

Students at Guelph campus seem to be using the bins quite frequently, said Mel Cooper, an Ontario basic skills student.

"It's something good. It's something new," he said. Also a part-time musician who travels to different cities, Cooper said he finds it strange to go to places in Ontario that don't have the same recycling program.

Wet-dry recycling is classified as

a two-stream recycling program. It involves separating products under two specific categories. "If it rots, it's wet. If it doesn't, it's dry," said Cooper, when asked what garbage goes where.

Guelph reviewed a similar system in Europe before developing plans for the pilot programs. The pilot programs went over well, Martin said, and the city went forward with the program.

Guelph is the first city in Ontario to have a wet-dry recycling program. Other cities are now asking about it, Martin said.

"Within the first two weeks we had 95 per cent of the population

putting wet-dry containers to the curbside for pickup," Martin said. "Anyone that has their waste picked up by the City of Guelph has to be involved."

They've proven already that the program can work, said Tom Murray, an Ontario basic skills student.

"It makes us all more responsible," said Murray.

Craig Higgs, a Brampton resident attending the welding engineering technician program at Guelph campus, said he agrees it is a good idea.

They don't have the wet-dry program in Brampton, but he didn't

find it confusing, Higgs said.

"A classmate of mine did a presentation on it last year, so it wasn't confusing when I came here," he said.

The wet-dry recycling program makes people conscious of garbage, said Michelle Smith, also an Ontario basic skills student.

Now students can find out what's going into landfills and sort through it, she said.

Smith said if other cities get involved in the same program it might help even more.

"We can't just put a ceiling over Guelph and hope to have a better environment," Smith said.

Social services students to play big part in United Way campaign

By Jason Seads

United Way's goal this year is to let Conestoga students know what the organization is responsible for, said Heather Mitchell, a first-year social services student.

Mitchell and classmate Mary Johnson are two of six social services students who will be making presentations for two weeks prior to the United Way kickoff Oct. 15.

Presentations will take place in the Sanctuary and various class-

rooms every day from Sept. 30 until Oct. 11.

Both recreation leadership and social services students played a small role in last year's campaign.

This year, things will be different, said some of the students.

Eleanor Conlin, chair of academic research and educational services, said the United Way needs the student's support.

"The staff at Conestoga is not a growing sector, just to keep up with last year we have to ask staff to contribute more," she said.

"Many of our former contributors have taken the buyout package."

To convince students to give a little more, Johnson and Mitchell have obtained materials from the United Way to use in their presentation.

They will use a television and VCR to display a videotape of what the United Way does.

As well, there will be printed material available for passers-by to pick up.

"Students may have had interaction with the United Way and not even known it," said Johnson. "We want students to know exactly what they are taking part in."

Mitchell said staff will be invited to the presentations, but it's not primarily who the presentations are aimed at.

"Many of the staff have already

had or know someone who has had experience with the United Way," said Mitchell. "The students, who are younger, may not have had any contact and, therefore, don't know what it's about."

Conlin stressed that the United Way drive is supposed to be fun as well as a learning time. The point is not to make the students feel down, she said.

While the social services students are not getting marks for their effort, they are getting valuable experience.

In both first and second year they must go on a workterm, and at least 50 per cent work with United Way-funded organizations.

"Doing this will certainly help us find better work placements," said Johnson. "This work will also prepare them for the real world when

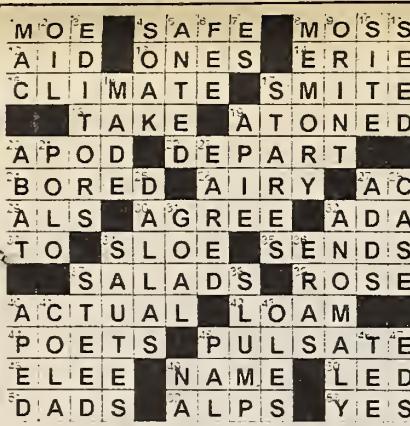
they graduate."

Many of the students who do their workterm at a United Way organization will also work there after graduation. Like these presentations, they will be volunteering.

As for the students' hopes for this year's campaign, "If we influence awareness, that is enough, that is our job," said Mitchell. "We do hope to raise more than last year."

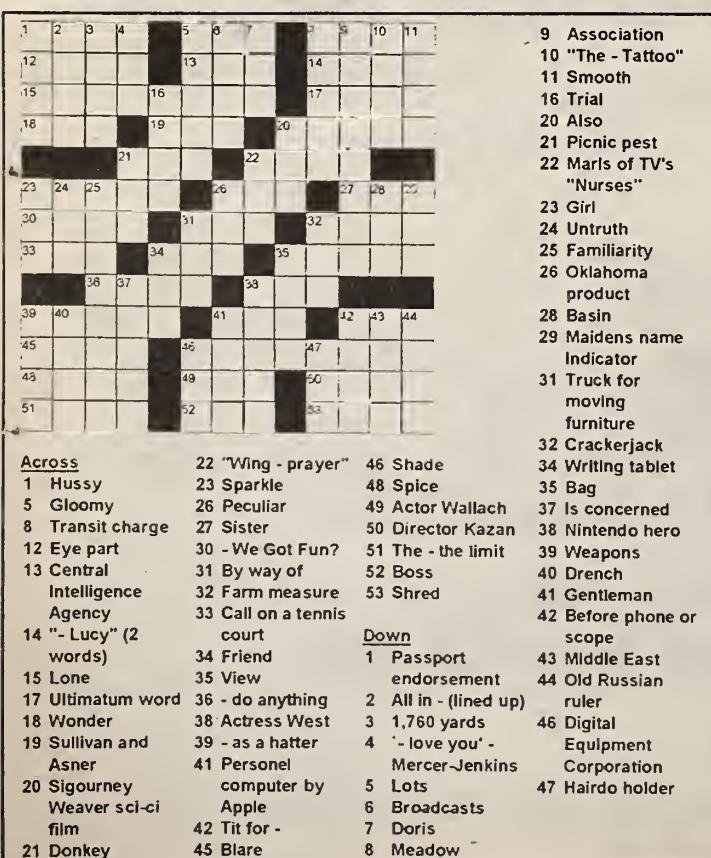
The two said that students should pay attention to what the United Way offers because they may need the services after they graduate, if they don't find work.

One thing the students wanted to stress is that no matter how many volunteers they have, without monetary donations the United Way wouldn't exist.



Crossword puzzle answers to Sept. 30 issue.

The answers for this week's new puzzle available in the next issue of SPOKE



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STUDENT LIFE

LASA presentations broaden students' horizons

By Jason Seeds

Doug Henrich, a personnel recruiter for Intercon Security, in Toronto, spoke to Law and Security Administration (LASA) students Sept. 17 about the possibility of working in retail and commercial security — a field many LASA students look down upon.

When Henrich asked students how many wanted to be police officers, most of them raised their hands.

Those students who didn't, did so when he asked how many wanted to work in customs or corrections.

Carolyn Harrison, a LASA career development teacher said her students are too single minded.

"Our students are fixed on being police officers. We have this class

to let them know what else is out there."

Every Tuesday, all 150 first-year students dress professionally and act professionally to listen to an experienced security-related re-

"When I started the program, I wasn't considering anything other than being a police officer..."

Francis Rosewarne
first-year LASA student

cruiter or employee, she said.

This year, visits are scheduled from recruitment officers at the new Ontario casinos, and the RCMP.

Harrison said the purpose of the presentations is to broaden the horizons of LASA students.

Francis Rosewarne, a first-semester LASA student, said he was one of the many who wanted to be a police officer, but since the first two weeks of school, he has changed his mind.

"It was an excellent presentation. When I started the program, I wasn't considering anything other than being a police officer: now I am considering other options."

Rosewarne said he learned of other careers in security before the presentation, through regular classes.

Harrison said dressing well enhances the reputation of the students.

"Agencies who come and present, want to see professional students," Harrison said. And added

if the students dress in a professional manner they tend to act professionally as well.

"The reason I organize these talks is to open the mind of students," said Harrison.

"There is so much potential to go places, our students can go all over the world in the security field."

Carolyn Harrison
LASA instructor

"There is so much potential to go places, our students can go all over the world in the security field."

Starting pay is about \$9 an hour, but students say their real concern is that companies, like Intercon, often hire unskilled laborers for the same jobs as college graduates.

Henrich travels about twice a month to speak to schools and organizations which are considering hiring a security company.

Henrich said students have a poor opinion of the security field — and they shouldn't. "There is lots of room to climb in our organization."

Intercon, he said, is looking for workhorses — people who will stay in the same position for a number of years, but they also need people who want to climb in the organization — like Conestoga graduates.

Rodeway Suites introduces Zone competition

Contest at Residence offers \$2,500 prize

By Sara Maxim

In an effort to control damage and to increase student morale, Rodeway Suites has launched a competition through which a team could win \$2,500.

Called the Zone Contest, the competition began in the first week of September and will run the entire school year. The prize will be awarded at the end of the year.

Paul Holowaty, general manager of Rodeway Suites, said groups will earn points by, among other things, ensuring that the residence is kept clean.

"Last year, some students didn't respect the other people or the building as well as they should have," said Holowaty. "We started thinking — what if we broke the building into zones and just made ev-

eryone responsible for their area of the building."

The residence has been divided into approximately 10 to 12 zones consisting of nine or 10 rooms each.

The zones will compete against each other to win points.

"So far, we're really pleased with the Zone Contest because people are getting to know each other a little bit better," said Holowaty. "We haven't really seen any negative effects to it yet."

The zone that is leading in points as of Dec. 1 will win a Christmas party in the residence common room.

The party at Christmas time will include food and beverages Holowaty said.

Each zone begins the contest with 1,000 points. From that amount, points are de-

ducted or added depending on weekly cleanliness reports, damages and rules infractions.

Points are awarded when the hallways, from top to bottom, are kept clean and free of damage. Points are deducted for any damage, debris or doors with any kind of decoration on them.

The cleanest zone each week receives 25 points. The messiest zone loses 25 points.

As well, points are deducted if a student from that zone disobeys any of Rodeway Suites' rules.

A breach of the rules includes: smoking in the hallway, carrying open alcohol or not signing in guests properly. Ten points are deducted for each infraction.

Students are not penalized for accidents, as long as they come forward and offer to

clean it, fix it or pay for it. In fact, a student who reports an accident will be awarded 10 points for their zone.

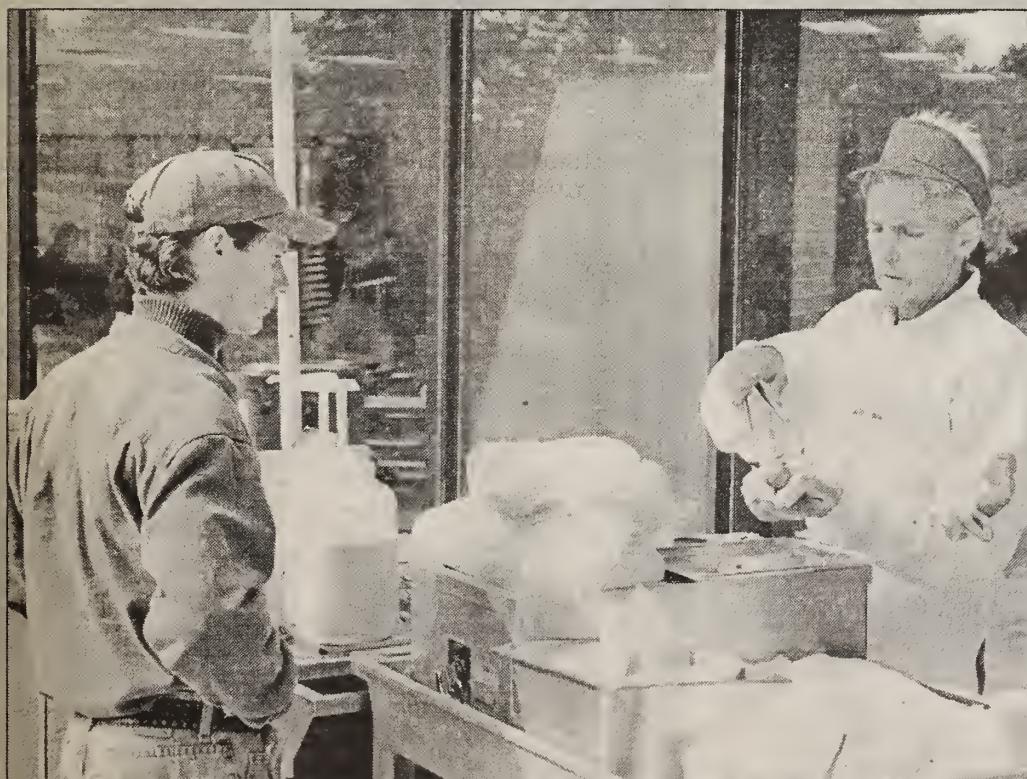
Students can earn extra points for their zone by planning and running an event that builds morale at the residence or benefits a charitable organization, Holowaty said.

"If students initiate a food drive for Thanksgiving," said Holowaty. "They're going to get bonus points for their zone."

While no students have come up with any activities to win bonus points so far, Holowaty pointed out that the contest had only been going on for a couple of weeks.

Since the zone contest began, Holowaty said there has been an improvement in the building and in the morale of the students over last year.

Alfresco



Calogero Graci, first-year general business student, waits while Jeanne Seyler prepares his hot dog outside the main cafeteria at Doon.

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SPORTS

Hockey team warms up for Oktoberfest tournament

Condors beat Auks despite injuries

By Jason Romanko

A depleted Conestoga Condor varsity hockey team beat the Sir Sandford Fleming Auks 4-2 during exhibition action at Lindsay on Sept. 26.

Both teams came out flying from the drop of the puck. The Condors scored the only goal of the period at 12:49.

Shawn Dietrich, Conestoga forward, finished a pretty passing-play by redirecting a pass from forward Mike Traynor.

The second period saw the Auks storm back to take a 2-1 lead on two quick goals.

Sir Sandford Fleming

forward Paul Sinfarosa banged in a rebound at 2:33 after a poor clearing attempt by Conestoga.

Forward Richard Sheenan gave the Auks a 2-1 lead at 6:18 of the second period by pouncing on a loose rebound in front of the Condor net.

Conestoga answered the call and came storming back.

Condors defenceman Jason Snyder slapped a one-timer past the Auks netminder at 8:56.

With constant pressure, the Condors took the 3-2 lead at 11:04 when forward Steve Buchanan shelved a rebound under the crossbar.

Conestoga finished the period with a two-goal lead when Buchanan, with

the third period, despite many chances by both squads.

Condors coach Tony Martindale said after the game, "It was a good team effort all around."

"We've got a lot of injuries so we were short-staffed tonight, but the guys did what they had to do," Martindale said because of the short bench he found two forwards who could play defence in a pinch. "Chris Palubeski and Scott Nichols played a great game, they displayed a lot of heart tonight."

Martindale was impressed with the teams' effort in the second, despite a momentary lapse at the

beginning of the period.

"When they (the Auks) scored two quick goals to start the second, our guys seemed to be tiring, but we stepped up and played hard to the finish. It was a character win," he said.

Palubeski, a forward playing defence and first-year general business student, said, "It was a good challenge playing back, it helped me work on my defensive game." He said the short bench wasn't a factor because the guys were dedicated to playing 60 minutes of hockey.

Martindale said the team will be picked prior to the Oktoberfest tournament Oct. 11-13.

Footloose

Condor goalie Kevin Borges blocks a shot from Hermes Alvarez as the team warms up for a game against the Seneca Braves on Sept. 29. The Condors lost 3-1.

(Photo by Jennifer Dougall)

**Correction**

In the Sept. 30 issue of Spoke the Condors women's softball team was incorrectly referred to as the Lady Condors. Spoke regrets the error.

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SPORTS

Womens soccer team still undefeated

Condors rout Lambton in 6 - 0 soccer victory

By Rick Kew

The womens varsity soccer team vanquished visiting Lambton College Lions 6-0 Sept. 24.

Ten minutes into the first half, the Condors opened the scoring on a goal by third-year broadcasting student Kathryn Magee.

The Condors next goal, close to the 35-minute mark in the first half, exemplified the ball control Conestoga exhibited throughout the contest.

"I could put all my rookies on the field at once and not have a worry."

Geoff Johnstone
womens soccer coach

Goalkeeper Amanda Kesselring, a first-semester small business development student, moved the ball up the left side to second-year social services student Joanna Mills.

Mills, who carried the ball up to the mid-field mark, kicked it to an attacking Condor in the Lambton end.

Rebecca Miller, a first-year early childhood education student, took the pass from Mills.

She put the ball out in front of the Lions net where Condor Amy Olson, a first-year business student, rocketed the ball over the head of the Lions keeper.

Coach Geoff Johnstone, in an interview after the game, said, "I don't know how to say this without sounding bigheaded, but this is the best Lambton team I've seen in some time; unfortunately for them, they've come up against us."

With a 2-0 lead going into the second half, the Condors could have concentrated on preserving Kesselring's shutout, but their game had achieved critical mass and they exploded, scoring four more goals before the final whistle.

Regan Bernard, a second-year general arts and science student, scored two classic goals.

Her first, opened the second half scoring, when she headed the ball past the Lion keeper who was caught moving in the wrong direction.

Bernard's second goal, a soccer player's ace, was scored on a corner kick from the left side.

The ball eluded a maze of Lions in front of the Lambton goal and landed inside the right post.

Magee, who was named player of the game, scored her second goal with a line-drive from 12 metres out, that shot under the



Condors (in white, left to right) Sasha Rochons, a first-year mechanical engineering student, and Amy Olson, a first-year business student, contributed to a goal by Regan Bernard, (not shown) a second-year arts and science student.

(Photo by Rick Kew)

crossbar before the keeper raised her hands.

Cheryl McGill, a first-year computer programmer/analyst, finished the Condor rampage with a long shot over the head of the

Lambton keeper.

"The rookies on this team are so composed," said Johnstone. "I could put all my rookies on the field at once and not have a worry."

The undefeated Condors with two victories are 2-0-0 on the season.

The team was scheduled to visit St. Clair Oct. 5 and is scheduled to entertain Fanshawe Oct. 7.

Intramurals rely on participation of students in residence

By Rick Kew

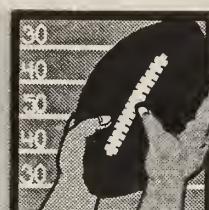
Rodeway Suites is home not only to 200 Conestoga students, but is also home to 50 per cent of the college's intramural sports participants, said athletic-program assistant Marlene Ford.

She said that of approximately 180 participants in intramural sports, 100 of them live in residence.

Ford said that because some students participate in more than one sport, the actual total number of participants may be less than 180.

She said this year's schedule of intramural sports would consist of indoor soccer, men's ball hockey, non-contact ice hockey, co-ed volleyball and basketball, plus the

two sports currently running until mid October, co-ed touch-football and slowpitch.



Students have fielded nine teams for co-ed touch-football and 10 teams for slowpitch, said Ford.

The student population at Conestoga no longer consists only of students right out of high school, in the 19 to 21-year-old range, she said.

These days, she said, people who may have considered playing, have part-time jobs. Mature students, instead of sticking around the college, go home to see their families.

The age of the student population in residence is one reason for the high participation rate, she said.

She said many of these students are right out of high school and, being away from home, intramural sports is a great way to meet new friends.

"Two of our ball teams are made up of individuals who just came out and said, 'I want to play, so put me on a team,'" Ford said. Those teams were soon named, she said, and those same students will likely want to play volleyball together.

Conestoga's athletic facility, lo-

cated a short walk from Rodeway Suites, is ideally placed for students living in residence who want to participate in intramural events, she said.

Although the total participation of full-time Conestoga students is less than five per cent, she said the number of participants makes the intramural program worthwhile.

Ford said participation has decreased since intramural sports

were first started at the college 10 or 15 years ago. "But getting almost 20 teams out, 10 per sport, I think that's pretty good."

The interest is there, she said, because students continually ask her when hockey and volleyball will be starting.

The intramural program is something that will continue to be offered to students because they do appreciate it she said.

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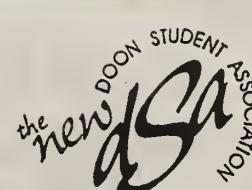
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Sarah (left) and Luther of Weeping Tile play to an enthusiastic crowd at the Bombshelter on Sept. 26. (Photo by Bryce Wilson)

Movie Review

Last Man Standing a tribute to forgotten 1930s cinema

By Jason Seeds

Too many of today's movie releases have pre-arranged marketing targets and profit-margin forecasting.

Films such as *Waiting to Exhale* and *Maximum Risk* may fairly be labelled exploitation films — just milking an easily defined market segment for dollars.

Some will label *Last Man Standing* a guy flick — a movie aimed at the hearts and wallets of males, but *Last Man Standing* is much more than that.

Bruce Willis stars as a tough guy drifter in the 1930s dust-bowl, doom and gloom town of Jericho, Tex.

The film revolves around the struggle between two big-city gangs for control of the flow of liquor from Mexico during Prohibition.

Director Walter Hill (*48 Hours* and *Another 48 Hours*) leaves a few questionable stops in the film by steering it away from becoming too dark.

Although not as jolly as his previous action films, *Last Man Standing* does have a slightly 'everything-will-be-fine' air to it.

Recently, Willis said in an interview on CNN that he enjoys doing financially risky films with implausible scripts because they are almost always more interesting.

"Sometimes you fail," he said, "but when you pull it off, it is very satisfying."

This is exactly the type of film *Last Man Standing* is, a cross between a Dirty '30s gangster flick and Sam Peckinpah's *The Wild Bunch*. *Last Man Standing* is a modern retake on a genre that has long passed.

Some may find fault with *Last Man Standing's* present-tense shortcomings, such as a time-spinning plot, particularly those people bent on new releases.

Whether or not it is a box office or critical success, Hill succeeds for the simple reason that he tried.

Bruce Dern plays one of the best roles in the film as a seemingly corrupt sheriff.

William Sanderson of "Hi, I'm Larry, this is my brother Darrel, and this is my other brother Darrel," fame from *Bob Newhart*, accurately plays a bar owner who keeps out of the feud through sheer meekness.

Sanderson's character is closer to the one he played in *Bladerunner*. Of course, all three being character roles, none are very different.

Dern lands one of the best roles in the film as a seemingly corrupt sheriff. Many of the roles are typically one-dimensional, but Dern's character is actually enlightening.

Unfortunately, like many small roles in 1930s films, Christopher Walken plays yet another bit-part bad guy in what has become a long, stale period in his career.

Hill has given Walken a lengthy facial scar and a 'gargled-with-battery-acid' voice in a comical or failed attempt to differentiate him

from previous characters.

The role, not surprisingly, is handled easily by Walken, who portrays the mob boss of all mob bosses from Chicago.

Other than Willis and Dern, the two female roles are also very interesting.

Alexandra Powers and Karina Lombard (neither in any notable previous films) play typical 1930s female roles. Powers, especially, studied her role from early Rita Hayworth films.

In a very interesting script, Lombard plays a pivotal role in the film with plenty of on-screen time. But she has only three lines near the end.

Willis, on whom the movie depends entirely, also has very few lines for his near 100 per cent screen-time.

When faced with long silences, Hill opts for some unnecessary

replaced its drummer and began to tour quite steadily.

When Weeping Tile isn't playing and doing other things, Sticky, Luther and Cam all play in other bands.

It was through these bands that Sticky met Luther and ended up joining Weeping Tile approximately 15 shows ago.

Eepee was released at about the same time that *Cold Snap* was finished recording. Since then, the band has been touring almost constantly, with a month off here and there.

Weeping Tile just finished a tour with the Watchmen in the spring and has toured with the Bourbon Tabernacle Choir, the Skydiggers and Blue Rodeo.

"They were all great," said Luther, referring to the bands Weeping Tile has toured with. The band had a lot of fun and, "We got to weasel our way in front of their audiences," he added.

Weeping Tile is hoping just to play headlining shows from now on and is starting a tour the first week of October. They are

heading to Western Canada where the Hellbillies will open for them.

The Hellbillies are another Kingston-based band that Luther describes as cajun-punk, country-swing.

Luther hopes to be home for Halloween and to get a chance to "hang out and get to work on goofing around."

Weeping Tile played three songs at the show that they hope to record, probably this winter, said Luther.

There's also one or two songs that didn't make it onto *Cold Snap* that he hopes to record. He said the band is going to "spend some time jamming, meditating, bowling and writing songs."

Weeping Tile has released two video's, *Cold Snap* and *U.F.O. Rosie*. Both songs are from the album *Cold Snap*.

Although the band is happy with the way the videos turned out, they still prefer playing live shows.

"Visual representation of music is something that's pretty new," said Luther. "Live gigging is where it's at."

narration to fill in the gaps.

While not demanding nearly as much from the audience as Willis's last film, *Twelve Monkeys*, *Last Man Standing* demands more from the viewer.

If the viewer is not prepared to look for foreshadowing, irony, satire or historic context, then this is the wrong movie to see.

The film is tied together by Ry Cooder's music, which is perfectly matched to the movie. As in the earlier days of film, this soundtrack is just mood music — no hit songs, just instrumentals.

Recommended for anyone who wants to learn a little about the vast world of early cinema.



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